

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14, 16-24, 26, 28-46, and 48 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 8-14, 16-18, 24, 26, 28-33, 40-46, and 48 have been amended to place them in better form. Claims 15, 25, 27, and 47 have been cancelled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-14, 16-24, 26, 28-46, and 48 are patentable over the art of record and allowance is respectfully requested of claims 1-14, 16-24, 26, 28-46, and 48.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Anya for holding a telephone interview with their representative, Janaki K. Davda, on Tuesday, August 17, 2005. During the telephone interview, Examiner Anya indicated that amending claims 1, 8, and 17 to incorporate the language of claim 15, amending claims 24 and 33 to incorporate the language of claims 25 and 27, and amending claim 40 to incorporate the language of claim 47 would place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants have made such amendments and respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

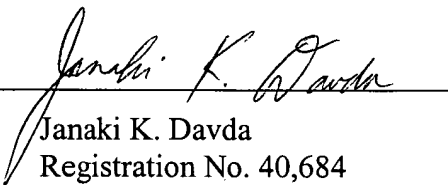
In paragraph 3, the Final Office Action (mailed on June 10, 2005) rejects claims 1-48 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,987,422 to Buzsaki in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,644,786 to Periwal et al. Applicants respectfully traverse. However, Applicants have amended the claims to expedite prosecution.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-14, 16-24, 26, 28-46, and 48 are patentable over the art of record. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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